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Organizers of Charlotte's Democratic National Convention effort today named a host committee that includes a longtime congressional aide and veteran marketers. "We're just starting to ramp up and get our work going," said Dan Murrey, executive director of the Charlotte in 2012 host committee. "We're just honored that people this talented want to work with us on this effort." Members of the host committee will work with a team from the Democratic National Committee, expected to arrive in Charlotte this month, to prepare for the 2010 convention. Newly named host committee members are: Torre Jessup, deputy executive director of external relations. He has worked in U.S. Rep. **Mel Watt's** Charlotte office for 16 years, most recently as district director. Dockery Clark, chief of staff. She's a veteran brand marketer and manager. Mary Tribble, chief of event planning. She has managed many events, including the NBA All-Star game and Final Four celebrations. Melissa Schwartz, finance director. She was a key regional finance director for the last two Democratic presidential campaigns and has extensive fundraising experience. Leah Chandler, deputy finance director. She served as a key fundraiser for two U.S. Senate campaigns and as Midwest Finance Director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. Bobby Martin, chief financial officer. He has 41 years of accounting experience, specializing in auditing nonprofit organizations. Joe Sandler, legal counsel. He served as general counsel for the Democratic National Committee for 15 years and has served as counsel for every Democratic national convention since 1996. The host committee will be based at 400 S. Tryon St., Suite 5D. The phone number is (704) 330-2012.